



Congressman Mike Pence opposed the Democrat 'stimulus' bill

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Washington, Jan 30 - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence released the following statement regarding the unemployment rate in Indiana and the Republican plan to cut taxes, create jobs and stimulate the economy:

“With the news this week that the unemployment rate in Indiana has increased to 8.2 percent, Hoosiers know that our nation is in recession and they are hurting.

“Many Hoosiers have lost their jobs, many now worry that they’ll be next and they are right to expect that their elected representatives in Congress will act—and act decisively.

“The only bipartisanship on display on Wednesday was the opposition to the purely partisan bill that House Democrats forced through the House. I, along with every Republican and several Democrats, opposed that bill for one reason—it won’t work.

“What Hoosiers need in these tough economic times is a bill that will stimulate the economy by creating more jobs, not by funding liberal priorities that have little to do with getting Indiana working again.

“I was proud to support the Republican alternative which would have brought immediate relief to Hoosiers through fast acting tax relief, not slow and wasteful government spending.

“Even the President’s own economic advisers concluded that the Republican alternative could create 6.2 million jobs over the next two years—that would be twice the jobs at half the cost of the bill that House Democrats brought to the floor last night.

“Hoosiers are struggling, and we need a stimulus that will work—not a spending bill that will steal money from future Hoosiers to pay for more government and more debt.

“I will continue to fight for tax relief that will allow more Hoosier families, small

businesses and family farms keep more of their hard-earned money.”